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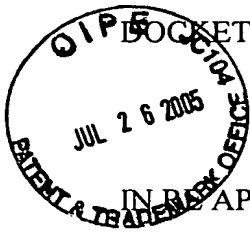
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This document is cited as “Cited document 3” in an Official Action for the Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-515487 corresponding to the present application. Brief descriptions of “it is recognized that a beer-like alcoholic beverage for which yeast is applied to a composition obtained from soybean protein liquid, sugar, and hop is described in cited document 3.”, and “both cited documents 1 and 3 disclose inventions relating to a beer-like alcoholic beverage for which no malt is used,” are provided in the Official Action. Herein, cited document 1 is Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-37462, which corresponds to European Patent Application No. 1063285 submitted as IDS.

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